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C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 1073

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ERITREAN AND ETHIOPIAN DEVELOPMENTS

REF: KHARTOUM 1058

1. GOS CAMPAIGN BUILD FIRE UNDER ERITREAN FACTIONS TO ENCOURAGE UNITY (REFTEL) CONTINUES WITH FURTHER COVERAGE MARCH 31 OF PLF ORGANIZATIONAL CONFERENCE. SUNA REPORTS TAT CONFERENCE AGREED DELEGATE FULL AUTHORITY TO CENTRAL LEADERSHIP TO MERGE WITH ELF. ARTICLE GOES ON TO NOTE THAT BOTH PLF AND OSMAN SALEH SABBE HAVE PUBLICLY APPLAUDED GOS EFFORTS UNIFY ERITREAN FACTIONS.

2. IN SEPARATE ITEM ON PLF CONFERENCE, SUNA REPORTS ITS CLOSING STATEMENT APPEALS TO ALL RED SEA LITTORAL STATES NOT RPT NOT TO INVITE ETHIOPIA TO ANY RED SEA CONFERENCE, CONFIDENTIAL

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CLAIMING THAT ETHIOPIA NOT RPT NOT A RED SEA LITTORAL STATE AND ERITREAN REVOLUTION ONLY AUTHORITY WHICH CAN COOPERATE ON THAT SUBJECT.

3. IN ADDITION TO PLF CONFERENCE REPORTS, SUNA CARRIES LONG ITEM ON QUOTE FASCIST TERROR IN ETHIOPIA UNQUOTE, SECOND IN PAST TWO DAYS. ITEM BASED ON REMARKS BY EPRP

SPOKESMAN MADE TO SUNA, PRESUMABLY IN KHARTOU., AND IS FIRST TIME EPRP VIEWS PROMINENTLY FEATURED IN LOCAL GOS-CONTROLLED PRESS. ARTICLE INCLUDES GRISLY PHYSICAL DETAILS OF ALLEGED EPMG TERROR CAMPAIGN AGAINST ETHIOPIAN CITIZENS, INCLUDING THAT EPMG HAS PLUNGED WHOLE COUNTRY INTO TOTAL TERROR AND THAT ITS CRIMINAL SQUADS BREAK INTO HOUSES, ROB, LOOT, RAPE AND EXECUTE AT WILL. ARTICLE ALSO ALLEGES BRUTAL ACTS OF TORTURE INCLUDING RIPPING OFF NOSES AND INSERTION OF RED-HOT IRONS INTO BODIES.

4. ARTICLE CHARGES THAT CRIMINAL EPMG GANGS ARE LED BY QUOTE NEGEDE GOBESIE UNQUOTE AND OTHER QUOTE TREACHEROUS INTELLECTUALS UNQUOTE SERVING EPMG AS MEMBERS SO-CALLED PROVISIONAL PEOPLE'S ORGANIZING OFFICE. ACCORDING SUNA ITEM, CRIMINAL SQUADS REINFORCED BY ISRAELI TRAINED QUOTE NEBELBAL UNQUOTE TROOPS.

5. AMID ALL THIS SOUND AND FURY INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR RETURNED QUIETLY TO KHARTOUM MARCH 28. BREWER

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